

# LIFESTYLES

Hawaii Marine B Section

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A group of youngsters dance the night away while members of the Marine Forces Pacific Band dazzle the crowd with some classic and modern rock and roll.

## Musical taste of Oahu hits K-Bay

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All around the United States, cities closed entire blocks to celebrate Mardi Gras Feb. 12.

People walked around with pounds of plastic beads and masks, as music blasted from local musicians.

Unfortunately, the festivities all happened on a weekday. For the Marines and Sailors at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, partying on the weekday is nearly impossible with the work load ahead the following day.

To compensate for this, Marine Corps Community Services hosted their own Mardi Gras festivities Friday and Saturday night.

More than 10 local bands were featured on four separate stages at the base Marina, during the first ever MCCS Party Gras celebration.

The taste in music was diverse — bands played modern rock, country and of course Hawaiian.

Besides the tunes that pumped through the air at the Marina, there were two other attractions that seemed to gather the interests of the single Marines and Sailors.

The first one was called “The Hook.” Just like television’s The Dating Game, a contestant sat behind a cur-

tain while three other people sat on the other side and answered questions.

Only one of the three would win a date with the contestant. The contestant chose the winner based on answers given and the response of the crowd.

At 8 p.m. Friday, the “best singers” on base gathered at stage 3 for “Stage Survivor.”

This was a karaoke contest, but with one twist: As someone began singing, the crowd decided their fate on stage.

Some of the singers were not too favorable to the ears of the crowd and were forced off stage quickly.

When the events were over, patrons moved to nearby tables at the various stages to enjoy the musical talent of their choice.

Throughout the Party Gras, patron also enjoyed some grilled food while listening to the music.

Each stage also had a dance floor available for those that could not stay in their seats while listening to the music pumping in their ears.

As the old saying goes, “All good things must come to and end.”

The bands packed up, the dance floors cleared out and by midnight Saturday the Marina looked like it would any other day.



Renegade played Friday night to sooth the ears of all the “cowboys” on base.



Above, Sgt. Robert Davies, singer for the Marine Forces Pacific Show Band sent his vocals whirling through Stage 3 of the Party Gras.



Left, three single men try their best to impress the woman behind the curtain for the chance to win a date during “The Hook” Friday night.



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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

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FEBRUARY Today

**Membership Appreciation Night** — O’Club members and their spouses are invited to a night of musical entertainment, dinner and dancing during “Membership Appreciation Night,” from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, call 254-7650

SM&SP



All events are open to single, active duty military. The SM&SP Office is located in Bldg. 219. Call 254-7593, for more about events.

**Program Review**  
*Saturday:* Let your “inner predator” come out to play at Oceanside Paintball Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Oceanside Paintball is located behind the Lemon Lot.  
*Sunday:* Active duty military can enjoy free, professional tennis lessons each Sunday in February. Equipment is provided, and reservations are required.

*March 12-15:* Participate in the March Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at the Main Gym from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Double elimination will apply, cost is \$8 per team, and awards will be given. Get forms at SM&SP.  
*April 13:* The Spring Flag Football Classic will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pop Warner Field. Teams will be 10-person with two subs, \$15 per team.

**Check out the SM&SP Benefits...**  
*Klipper Golf Course:* Free range balls, club rental \$5, and play 18 holes for \$8  
*K-Bay Lanes:* \$1.50 per game (Monday – Thursday before 5 p.m.), free shoe rental (Monday – Thursday) and the No-Tap Program \$15 on Thurs. at 8:15 p.m.  
*FREE 2nd showing:* Friday & Saturday movies at the Base Theater (E-5 & below)  
*30-minutes Internet Access:* At the Base Library.

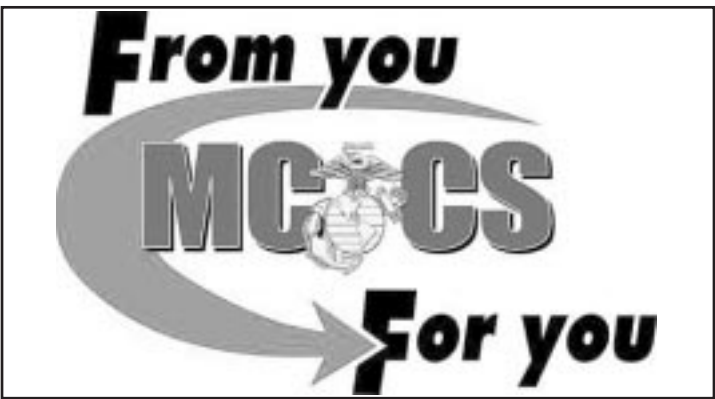
**All Marine Athletics, All the Time** — Marines interested in competing in the listed All-Marine programs should submit resumes to the Marine Corps Community Services Athletic Office by the respective deadline dates. Command authorization is required for consideration.

For more information, contact Steve Kalnasy at 254-7590, or visit the Semper Fit Center Bldg. 3037.

- All-Marine Women’s Basketball: Resumes are due to MCCS Athletics by Sunday.
- All-Marine Women’s Soccer: Resumes are due to MCCS Athletics by Sunday.
- All-Marine Triathlon: Resumes are due to MCCS Athletics by March 25.
- All-Marine Women’s Softball: Resumes are due to MCCS Athletics by May 10.
- All-Marine Women’s Volleyball: Resumes are due to MCCS Athletics by June 10.

**Pau Hana Fridays** — Pau Hana Fridays are held at the Rocker Room from 4 p.m. – 2 a.m. All club members can attend the Rocker Room’s Friday Night Dance Party featuring DJ Brian from 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. Patrons may pounce on free pupus from 5 – 7 p.m. Get your weekend started right by heading to the Rocker Room. Call 254-5592, for more.

**Camp Smith Coed Volleyball** — All interested Camp Smith patrons who are yearning to bump, set and spike will get their chance to take center stage. Camp Smith is accepting coed volleyball team rosters through Feb. 28.



This league is open to all authorized Camp Smith personnel. The first game ignites March 5 at 11:30 a.m., inside the Camp Smith gymnasium. For more, call 477-0498.

**23 / Saturday**

**Pyramid Beach All Military Surf Showdown** — Are you ready to take on the surf at Pyramid Rock Beach? If you have what it takes to tame the surf, this competition is for you. This surfing showdown happens Feb. 23 at Pyramid Rock Beach at 7 a.m. (The rain date is March 2). All military personnel and family members may compete for top prizes. For more, call 254-7655.

**Gambling Good Time** — The Staff NCO Rocker Room & the Fairways Ballroom hosts “Casino Night,” from 7 p.m. – 1 a.m. Tickets are available now at a cost of \$15 for members and \$18 for guests. Press your luck with the club’s “Funny Money” and enjoy food, dancing and tons of prizes. Call 254-5592, for additional details.

**Rock at the Rocker Room** — All Staff NCOs and their guests may now “Rock the Rocker Room,” every Saturday night from 6 p.m. – 2 a.m.

The Rocker Room features pupu-o-plenty, darts, pool and Karaoke. Call 254-5592.

**24 / Sunday**

**Forty-Love** — Get your “forty-love,” during the Hawaiian Tennis Academy’s “Topspin Smash.” Each Sunday in February, all active duty military may sign up for free, professional tennis lessons held at the base tennis courts. The Hawaii Tennis Academy will provide tennis rackets and balls. Space is limited to 25 patrons each Sunday. For more information or to sign up, call 258-8081.

**25 / Monday**

**Coupon Days Craze** — Today is savings day if you’ve been clipping wisely. It’s Double Coupon Day at the Wiki Wiki Market (254-7587) and the Plantation Store inside the MCX (254-3890). Most coupons will be redeemed for twice their face value. Some restrictions may apply. See store for details.

**26 / Tuesday**

**Youth Activities Parent Board Advisory Meeting** — Parents who have children participating in youth programs are invited to attend this forum to provide insight, ideas and

address questions and concerns. This meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Bldg. 244. For more information, call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

**Key Volunteer Training** — All interested spouses wanting to train for a key volunteer position are invited to attend this training session, Feb. 26 – 28 from 8 a.m. - noon at the KV Center, Bldg. 3022. For more information or to make a reservation, call 257-2410.

**27 / Wednesday**

**Hot Wings** – It’s Hot Wing Wednesday at the Rocker Room. All Hot Wings are 25 cents and are served from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. If you like it hot, Wednesdays at the Rocker Room will make you sweat, call 254-5592.

**MARCH**

**1 / Friday**

**Base Library Exhibition** — “Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds,” March 1 – 15. This exhibit will focus on 100 black women from various areas in science, politics, humanities and more. For more information, call the Base Library at 254-7624.

**2 / Saturday**

**Welcome Back WestPac** — Are you a staff non-commissioned officer or civilian equivalent? Are you a member of the Staff NCO club? If you like parties, dancing, billiards and great food, the Staff NCO Rocker Room is where you need to be. Now, the Staff NCO Rocker Room allows po-

tential members to “try before they buy.” All Staff NCOs are invited to attend the “Welcome back WestPac” party, March 2 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. inside the Fairways Ballroom. Local musicians “K-Bay Kane” will perform, and all club members who bring a guest who signs up for membership will receive a “Lucky Number Ticket.” Club members may rack up many Lucky Number Tickets to enter a drawing for big prizes. The party continues in the Rocker Room, as DJ Brian takes over the party reigns from 8 p.m. – 2 a.m. For more Rocker Room information, call 254-7570.

**LINKS Team Leader Sought** — The LINKS organization is accepting resumes for a Team Leader. This is a voluntary position that will assist LINKS in mentoring military spouses. All resumes must be submitted to Personal Services, Bldg. 216 no later than close of business on March 2. For a complete list of job duties call 257-7790.

**8 / Friday**

**NCO Appreciation** — For the countless orders they carry out and for the various ways in which they make you shine, they certainly deserve some recognition. Staff NCOs are encouraged to bring their NCOs to NCO Appreciation Night at the Rocker Room, March 8 from 4 – 6 p.m. Get out of the shop and head for the Rocker Room’s NCO Appreciation Night to enjoy plenty of free pupus, drink specials and billiards. For more information, call 254-5592.

Pyramid Beach All Military Surf Showdown

Debbie Baker  
MCCS Public Relations

Are you a Pipeline Master or a Pipeline Grasshopper? Are you set to tackle pipeline trials and tribulations? All active duty military personnel and family members grab your boards and vie in the Pyramid Beach All Military Surf Showdown, Saturday, at Pyramid Rock Beach, Marine Corps Base Hawaii from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Open to all ages and divided into men’s and women’s categories, this surfing showdown also features a body boarding competition. Entry fee, which includes an exclusive Surf Showdown T-shirt and plate lunch, is \$20 (Contestants registering day of competition will be charged an extra \$10). Top performers in each category will claim awards and prizes from RNR Surf & Ski, The Shack, Dave & Busters, The Ultra Zone, XCEL Wetsuits and Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park. Registration forms must be completed and returned to the Water Safety division, in Bldg. 274. The Pyramid Rock Beach All Military Surf Showdown is the time to test your surf worth. For additional savvy surf details, call Water Safety at 254-7655.



Courtesy of MCCS

Saturday join some of the best military surfers in the Pyramid Rock Beach All Military Surf Showdown from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pyramid Rock Beach.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for “R” rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger.

For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Please show your ID at the box office. Phone 254-7642 for recorded info.

Ali (R)  
Kate & Leopold (PG-13)  
Joe Somebody (PG)  
Vanilla Sky (R)  
Joe Somebody (PG)  
**Free Screening of:** We Were Soldiers (R)  
Ali (R)  
**Free Screening of:** Ali (R)  
Snow Dogs (PG)  
Orange County (PG-13)  
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13)  
Imposter (PG-13)  
Snow Dogs (PG)  
Lord of the Rings (PG-13)  
Imposter (PG-13)

Today 7:15 p.m.  
Today 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday 9:45 p.m.  
Sunday 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday 7:15 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.  
Thursday 1 p.m.  
March 1, 7:15 p.m.  
March 1, 10:30 p.m.  
March 2, 7:15 p.m.  
March 2, 9:45 p.m.  
March 3, 3:30 p.m.  
March 3, 3:30 p.m.  
March 6, 7:15 p.m.



# Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

## Great Aloha runners give back to community

Story and Photos by  
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**Honolulu** — During a time when most of the country is paying attention to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, the local community gathered for a fun run under the sun.

Approximately 21,000 civilians and several military formations awaited the sounds of a cannon in front of the Aloha Tower Marketplace here to start the 18th Annual Great Aloha Run on Presidents Day.

This yearly event promotes health and wellness for Hawaii’s people and visitors.

In addition to the great workout, participants also receive a warm feeling knowing that most of the money raised at the event goes back to the community. A total of more than 4.8 million dollars has been donated to numerous charities throughout Hawaii since the birth of this event.

However, unlike years before, this year’s GAR had a staggered start and a new timing system. The participants had three different starting times.

The first start began at 6:50 a.m. and was composed of competitive wheelchair and military servicemembers running in formation. Behind them, a herd of elite and casual runners awaited their start which commenced at 7 a.m., and last but not least, the fun walkers and all strollers followed at 7:07 a.m.

Even though the commencement of the race sounds confusing. The ChampionChip Timing Technology made it easy for GAR coordinators to keep track of participant’s finishing times.

The ChampionChip is a microchip no larger

than a half-dollar. It automatically started the runners’ time when they stepped on the timing mats at the starting line and stopped their time when crossing the finish line mats.

When the runners finished, they received a GAR-T-shirt and a warm welcome from thousands of GAR supporters.

Trophies and awards were given out to various categories and ages. There was even one award to the top military male and female finishers and unit running formation.

“We always get a good turnout from our local military community,” said Carole Kai, co-founder of the Great Aloha Run. “Admiral Dennis Blair has set a tone for the military to participate in events that are important to the community in which they live.”

Besides the awards, there was plenty of food and entertainment for everyone who assisted with the event.



**A joint service formation ran the Great Aloha Run, carrying the flag of each of the services on Oahu.**



**Many runners at the Great Aloha Run 2002 showed their patriotism by wearing athletic gear that displayed the red, white and blue of the American flag.**



**Members of McKinley High School women’s varsity basketball team volunteered to pass out water to the more than 21,000 runners who participated in the Great Aloha Run 2002.**

# WORD TO PASS

## Race to Victory

Everyone’s a winner at the Fort DeRussy Biathlon, presented by MacFarms of Hawaii, an open-to-the public event, where runners of all ages will enjoy a beautiful run and swim

course along the beach and through the Hale Koa’s scenic 72-acre property. The adult’s race, a flat scenic 5k route, followed by a 1k swim, will precede a run-swim-run event for keiki which will kick-off at 9 a.m. Entry fee for servicemembers is \$22,

individual civilians is \$25, relay teams are \$37 and keiki are \$17. All finishers will receive an official race T-shirt, race results card, refreshments and a chance to win awards and prizes. To sign up for the Fort DeRussy Biathlon, call 955-0555 ext. 155, or pick-

up a current issues of Hawaii Race magazine. A big mahalo to our sponsors for making this event possible: MacFarms of Hawaii, First Hawaii Bank, Cytomax, Menhune Water, Niketown and HFM Foods.

# MarForPac sergeant lives his dream

**Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Being chosen as a member of one of the Marine Corps’ bands is a prestigious honor. Each of the musicians is a finely tuned musical machine expected to practice and perform, rain or shine, when duty calls.

One Marine stationed here, with the Marine Forces Pacific Band, at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay has taken his playing to a level that most musicians envy.

Respected highly by his peers, subordinates and superiors, Sgt. Michael Stanley is a talented musician capable of playing every instrument in the bands repertoire, including the trumpet, tuba, French horn, trombone and many others.

The 29-year old Stanley began playing the trumpet more than 24 years ago and hasn’t quit.

“My father was a trumpet player,” Stanley said. “At five years old, I would just make noises with the thing, but luckily my elementary school had a music program. That’s where I really started learning.”

At ten years old, Stanley had begun to play the tenor saxophone, but couldn’t seem to make any noise with it.

It was at this time when his parents took him to see a Marine band concert. It was a concert for children where each of the players would stand up and tell about the instrument they were playing, Stanley said.

One player stood up and said “This is the French horn.”

“He made the most amazing sound with that instrument that I’d ever heard,” said the Jacksonville, Fla. native. “I left there very impressed with, the Marine Corps and the French horn.”

Shortly after that, Stanley’s mother rented him a French horn, which he quickly began learning to play. He then began progressing through school and as a player for his school band.

When he graduated from high school; Stanley attended Florida State University, where he earned his bachelors degree in music education.

He also attended the Royal Academy of Music in London, England, where he received an Artist diploma of Horn Performance.

Stanley then spent a year as an assistant band director at a high school in Miami, Florida. But he left after

*See STANLEY, B-6*



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

**Sergeant Michael Stanley plays his French horn the streets of New Orleans during Mardi Gras.**



STANLEY, *From B-5*

realizing he couldn’t spend as much time concentrating on his own music.

“Teaching is great and can be a lot fun,” said Stanley. “I wanted to pursue a playing career while teaching. But, I found that to be a very difficult task.

Stanley then auditioned for a Marine recruiter and decided to make music with a Marine Band his daily job.

“Marine bands are very versatile,” said Stanley. “We play a lot of different types of music. Anything we don’t play that I want to, I can always pursue at an off-duty time.”

Stanley’s goal as a musician is simply to continue playing as long as he can.

“I don’t know what that means as far as the Marine Corps. Right now, there are a lot of paths I can take. I’m just keeping my options open to continue my career as a professional musician, be it military or civilian,” said the five-foot, 10-inch tall Marine.

Stanley has completed 12 hours of graduate work and hopes to one day earn a doctorate degree in music and eventually teach college level musicians.

“I think the Marine Corps has offered me more opportunities than I would have ever gotten as a civilian. I’ve played for the President of the United States and traveled all over the world,” said Stanley with pride in his voice. I also get to play daily with some of the best musicians I’ve ever known. I couldn’t ever get that experience anywhere else.”



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

**Stanley, along with the rest of the MarForPac Band recently returned from showcasing their talent at Mardi Gras.**